[Rao Shaib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

date of hearing of the case and not rendering the necessary help to the Police in the matter of conducting the search of the house of the accused in spite of the request made by the Police.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know what that case C. C. No. 77 of 1110 is?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: It is a case under Section 407, T. P. C.

President: What more can you ask?

Conduct of Excise cases.

81. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Excise Department is engaging vakils for the conduct of prosecutions and appeals in excise cases;

(*b*) whether vakils thus engaged are paid fees by the Excise Department; and

(*c*) if so, what was the amount that was thus paid in 1109?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Yes; occasionally when the nature of the case demands the services of a professional lawyer.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 575.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the number of Excise cases that come up annually?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I claim notice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know the average duration of each Excise case?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: It has not been calculated.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether it is not advisable to detach the preventive staff from the collection staff?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That is a very important question.

President: That is a question of policy.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether, when the Excise staff attends to the conduct of cases, it seriously interferes with the collection work?

President: It is a question of opinion.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether he is aware that in such cases the Excise Inspectors engage Vakils privately?

President: What is the meaning of the word 'privately' there?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: The Excise Inspectors who conduct cases sometimes engage vakils paying from their own pockets.

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Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I have no information.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Will the member e pleased to make an enquiry into the matter ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I do not find it necessary to make an enquiry. It is not such a serious matter.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Am I to take it that there are no such cases ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I have no information.

Lands around the Periyar lake assigned to the British Government.

82. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of acres of land around the Periyar lake which were assigned to the British Government and the period for which and the conditions under which they were so assigned ?

Mr. K. George : The member is referred to the Agreement dated 29th October, 1886 entered into between the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore (lessor) and the Rt. Honourable the Secretary of State for India in Council (lessee) published at pages 39 to 44 of the Land Revenue Manual, Vol. II.

(The answer was read also in Malayalam.)

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : With reference to the first part of the question, may I know the number of acres ?

Mr. K. George : That also is given in the agreement.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know, Sir, what is the total number of acres comprised in that lease ?

Mr. K. George : About 8,000 acres.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Is there any condition in that agreement about conversion of those lands into cultivated lands? Is there any agreement entered into with the company ?

President : What company ?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : The Kannan Devan Hills.

President : I do not know whether the Secretary of State has converted himself into a company.

Statement, by communities, of the officers in the Anchal Department.

83. ✻**Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities in the Anchal Department drawing a pay of Rs. 25 and over ?

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